

COLLECTOR CABELL SHORT

The Internal Revenue Official's Accounts Do Not Balance.

A DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL HERE

He Declines to Give Out Information Concerning the Case.

Cabell's Shortage Said to Be Something Like Ten Thousand Dollars—He Has Been Retired From the Office and Deputy Chase Is Now In Charge—Said to Have Speculated in Mines—No Arrest Expected as the Government is Fully Secured.

Richard H. Cabell, who for nearly four years has held the position of United States Internal Revenue collector in this city, has been removed. The cause of his dismissal is a discovery that he is short in his accounts to the extent of about \$10,000.

HOW IT LEAKED OUT.

Although this sensational discovery was made several days ago, the facts did not leak out until yesterday. The first intimation of the something might be wrong in the internal revenue office here was the fact that about a week ago Samuel D. Chase, deputy internal revenue collector, was called to take charge of the office. This change was not generally known, however, to a majority of the people



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even who had business with the office. The fact, so far as can be obtained in relation to the deficiency, are not particularly of a sensational nature. Mr. Cabell has been systematic in using government funds, and through this has been able to carry on for nearly three years, the head office at Helena detected nothing wrong.

BUSINESS OF THE OFFICE.

The principal business of the internal revenue collector in this city is to handle stamps for beer barrels. Of course some revenue is derived from special taxes, but the chief business is in supplying breweries with stamps. The business of this office amounts to something like \$100,000 a year and it is so that there is a chance for an official to appropriate funds temporarily. Some weeks ago the Salt Lake Brewing company received a bill for stamps for the year 1896. The order was not filled promptly, in fact it was not filled until the head office at Helena detected the fact that a suspicion that something was wrong reached the department at Washington.

THE GOVERNMENT ACTS.

T. B. Carson, of the revenue service was detailed on the case, and he arrived in the city nearly two weeks ago. His investigations resulted in the removal of Cabell and the temporary appointment of Deputy Chase to the position. The reasons for the change being substantially as above.

A man named called upon Mr. Carson at the Knutsford last evening, but he refused to talk about the case, even refusing to divulge the nature of his business in this city. From other trustworthy sources, however, some information concerning the affair was obtained.

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